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Morton Grove Public Library

MG Village, Park, Chamber Debut on Internet

December 11 marked the Internet debut of the Village of Morton Grove Community Information Center on NorthStarNet, a network sponsored by the North Suburban Library System (NSLS). Now a wealth of information about Village Government, the Park District and the Chamber of Commerce businesses as well as the Library is available through your Internet connection. It's easy to see who is on the Village board or the details about recycling. Find out what current programs the Park District is offering or when the historical museum is open. Links are now available to school information (including a map outlining each district), houses of worship, and service clubs and organizations. Future links include arts, culture and entertainment; health and medicine; and restaurants and shopping. Employees from each organization have worked together for the last several months to get this site ready. Thank you and congratulations to all who were involved in the production. To see the community homepage, type: **http://nsn.nslsilus.org/mgkhome/** The Morton Grove Community Information Center is truly "one-stop shopping" for your questions about the products, services and resources available in the Village.

Library Offers Great Resources for Parents, Teachers, Home-Schoolers

Countless resources are available in the Children's Department for parents, teachers and home-schoolers and those looking for something a little different.

The Teacher's Reference Corner offers reproducible guides to all subject areas as well as materials for musical games, finger plays, monthly theme ideas, bulletin board ideas, whole language programs, clip art and more.

Also available are Macmillan literature-based reading activities, seasonal activity packs, early skills programs, and subscriptions to *Copycat, Kidstuff, Creative Classroom,* and *Scholastic Pre-K Today* .

Since Dist. 67 donates a set of current textbooks to the Library, parents can just hop in the car when they hear, "I left my textbook at school," around the dinner table. The textbooks are for use in the Library only.

Dozens of multimedia kits give early readers a chance to hear a cassette and follow along in a storybook. Give your "classroom," whether it's at home or school, an additional boost with Library materials.

Gift Book Fund Snowballs

It's snowing *inside* the Library these days ! Across from the Circulation Desk is a poster filled with paper snowflakes, each representing a book or CD-ROM we'd like to add to the collection. Under each snowflake is a slip of paper with the title and price.

Help us fund $1000 in materials by taking the slip home and returning it with your tax-deductible check made payable to MGPL. We'll even put a bookplate inside your book or CD-ROM noting your generosity.

MGPL shelvers: Hana Peurye, Rhonda Kleist, Marian Schulte, Maxine Kalisz, Barb Sclafani.

Who Gets Books Back on the Shelf?

Each day, hundreds of books, cassettes, CDs, videos, magazines and CD-ROMs are returned to the Library at the Circulation Desk or through the book/video drops. It's not the work of magical elves getting the materials back on the shelf. Five women make up the team of shelvers who are responsible for returning all the materials to their proper place.

Our Children's Department shelver, **Marian Schulte**, retired as of Dec 31. She has worked at the Library for 11 years. **Maxine Kalisz** will move from the adult department to Children's, joining **Rhonda Kleist**.

Barb Sclafani and **Hana Peurye** are the two you see pushing those loaded book trucks and keeping the periodicals organized in the adult area. Thanks to these devoted women who put us back in order!

MGPL Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 9 - 9
Fri. 9 - 6, Sat. 9 - 5
Sun. (Sept.-May) 1 - 5

Closed Jan. 1

Watch history come alive at MGPL, Feb. 16 - 22, see page 3.

Mark your calendar!

All programs are free of charge and open to everyone.

Calendar Summary

January			
1/1			Library Closed for New Year's Day
1/7	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
1/8	We	7:00	Workshop: Cut Clutter
1/9	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
1/10	Fr	10:00	New Books Showcase
1/12	Su	2:00	Concert: Down Memory Lane
1/13	Mo	11:00, 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: *Emma* (PG, 121 min.)
1/14	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
1/19	Su	2:00	Lyric Opera Lecture: *Turandot*
1/21	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
1/28	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
1/28	Tu	7:30	Book Discussion Group: *Nine Parts of Desire* by Geraldine Brooks
1/29	We	7:00	Travelog: *The Netherlands*
February			
2/2	Su	2:00	Lyric Opera Lecture: *Norma*
2/4	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
2/5	We	7:00	Individual and Family Tax Planning
2/9	Sun	2:00	Concert: An Afternoon of Cabaret
2/10	Mo	11:00	Feature Film: *First Wives Club* (PG, 103 min.)
2/11	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
2/13	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
2/14	Fr	10:00	New Books Showcase
2/16	Su	2:00	Dramatization: Molly Hess
2/18	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
2/25	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
2/25	Tu	7:30	Book Discussion Group: Title to be announced

Check our complete calendar on the Web at *http://www.nslsilus.org/mgkhome/mgpl/calcurr.html*

All programs held at the Library are free of charge and open to everyone. For more information, or for mobility and communication access assistance, please call the Library at (847) 965-4220, TDD 965-4236.

Programs

January

Workshop: Cut the Clutter: Organize Your Home - Get started on your New Year's resolution to get organized! Professional organizer Eileen Parelman of Everything in its Place explains how to organize various rooms so that you can easily find things. Learn what to store and what to give away while you find a place for everything. **Wednesday, January 8 at 7 p.m.**

Concert: Down Memory Lane With Young at Heart - The Baxter Room will be transformed into a worldwide arena when Ed and Barb Kutta bring their international variety show to town. Featuring humor, music from the 1920s - 1960s, costumes, and songs from Germany, Ireland, Poland, Mexico and a grand USA finale. **Sunday, January 12 at 2 p.m.**

Lyric Opera Lecture: *Turandot* - Puccini's opera is set in China, where a beautiful maiden beckons young men to solve her riddles or lose their heads. **Sunday, January 19 at 2 p.m.**

Travelog: *The Netherlands* - Find out the historically correct way to eat raw herring and why trees are planted on dikes. See how the Dutch have tamed the sea and learn about the flowers, native foods, windmills and wooden shoes. Visit the charming towns of Veere, Zierikzee and Sloten, and see the architecture of Rotterdam and Amsterdam in this slide lecture with Myrla Brand. **Wednesday, January 29 at 7 p.m.**

February

Lyric Opera Lecture: *Norma* - A Druid priestess violates her vows of purity for a handsome Roman consul, only to have him abandon her to pursue her closest friend. **Sunday, February 2 at 2 p.m.**

Individual and Family Tax Planning - Jim Thomas, CPA with Clifton, Gunderson & Co., covers basic income tax preparation, gift tax questions and minimizing estate taxes. **Wednesday, February 5 at 7 p.m.**

Concert: An Afternoon of Cabaret - Cabaret/torch music requires just the right voice, and here she is! You won't forget the silky voice of Jean Arger, accompanied by Rich Lichtenstein on piano, when you hear *Embraceable You, As Time Goes By, Stormy Weather*, *Somebody to Watch Over Me*, and others. **Sunday, February 9 at 2 p.m.**

Dramatization: Molly Hess, Revolutionary War Wife - Meet a German yeoman's wife, who has joined her husband in the Revolutionary War. Her clothes show the hardships of camp life and she carries the everyday utensils necessary to cook, feed and care for the soldiers. Based on extensive research that goes beyond textbooks and using authentic tools and clothing, the story of Molly Hess is history that's come to life. **Sunday, February 16 at 2 p.m.**

Kids Programs

History Without the Mystery

From **January 6 to February 22**, take the mystery out of history with the children's reading game: *Bring the Past to Life.* By reading historical fiction, non-fiction books about famous people or historical events, you can earn prizes and raffle tickets to the drawing on February 22. Register for the game anytime after Monday, January 6, 1997.

Step back in time during History Week at the Library with two programs. The first, a dramatization of the life of Revolutionary War wife Molly Hess on **Sunday, February 16 at 2 p.m.**, describes life in the battlefield. More details are given at the bottom of page 2.

On **Saturday, February 23 at 10:30 a.m.**, join us in the Children's Room for a Civil War lesson with Sam Gentili. She will tell stories, sings songs and get kids of all ages involved in a Civil War re-enactment.

Come to both programs and pick up extra raffle tickets just by attending! Refreshments will be served.

Molly Hess brings the past to life.

Area Schools Go to Battle Over Books

Students from East Prairie, Golf, Prairie View and St. Martha's have been participating in the 4th, 5th & 6th grades Battle of the Books for the past month with heated debates over answers.

The last match is still to come on **Wednesday, January 8 at 4:00 p.m.**

In Battle of the Books, students prepare by reading books from a given list of titles. When they come together at the Library, Assistant Children's Librarian Ronnie Rund asks questions about the books in a game-show-style setting.

Battle of the Books for 7th and 8th grades begins in late February. Students and parents from area schools, come cheer on your team!

Children's Classes

Spring session begins the week of March 24, 1997. Enrollment is limited. Children, limited to Morton Grove residents, whose names are on a waiting list will be given priority placement in the following session's classes. Enrollment for available openings begins March 3 for MG residents and March 10 for non-residents. Phone registration will be taken after 9:30 a.m.

Library Playtime for 2 1/2 Year Olds & Parents
Please choose one of the following:
Thursday 10:30 am
Friday 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

Pre-School Storytime
Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten:
Monday 1:00 pm
Tuesday 1:00 pm
Wednesday 10:00 am
Thursday 6:45 pm
Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff
Grades 1-2
Monday 7:00pm
Class limit – 12

Arts & Crafts
Grades 1-3 Mon. 4:00 pm
Grades 4-6 Fri. 4:00 pm
Class limit – 15

Creative Writing
Please choose one of the following:
Grades 2-6
Wed. or Thurs. 4:00 pm
Class limit - 40

MGPL Supports Local Literacy Effort

The Library's literacy collection, books for those who are learning English as a second language or improving their reading skills, has been moved to the mezzanine. Look for the hot pink sign above the Circulation Desk.

Thank you to all who responded to the call for volunteers in the last issue of *Focus.* Several people have joined Oakton District Public Libraries Literacy Coalition as reading tutors.

We hope you'll use the MGPL materials with your new students.

Spaces Open for Popular Internet Classes

Limited spaces are available for basic Internet searching classes at the Library. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings **January 7, 14, or 21 at 5:30, 6:30 or 7:30.** *You need only sign up for one, one-hour session.* This basic session is a prerequisite to any additional Internet specialty classes the Library offers.

These sessions are open only to Morton Grove residents, 7th grade and older, who have not previously taken MGPL's Internet Basics. Have your card ready when you register.

Films

January

Emma (PG 121 min.) Emma Woodhouse (Gwyneth Paltrow) is a spoiled matchmaker, rearranging all her friends lives, from the Jane Austen novel.
Mon. 1/13, 11:00, 2:30 and 7:00

February

First Wives Club (PG 103 min.) Three mid-40s college friends reunite and find they all have been dumped by their husbands for younger versions. The trio (Bette Midler, Goldie Hawn and Diane Keaton) vow revenge in this comedy.
Mon. 2/10, 11:00, 2:30 & 7:00

Library Favorites

Lunch Time Movies

Pack a brown-bag lunch and head to the Library every **Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.** for Lunch Time Movies. Travel to faraway places, listen to thought-provoking discussions or meet historical figures during this 1 1/2 hour video program.

New Books Showcase

Beyond the latest bestsellers, the Library staff presents New Books Showcase the second Friday of each month. Join us for a look at what's new. If you can't make it, pick up a list of titles at the Library or visit the New Books Showcase at our Virtual Reader's Service Desk on the Web: http://www.nslsilus.org/mgkhome/mgpl/rsdesk.html
Fridays 1/10 and 2/14 at 10 a.m.

Book Discussion Group

Thinking Out Loud, the Library's book discussion group, meets **Jan. 28** for *Nine Parts of Desire: The Hidden World of Islamic Women* by Geraldine Brooks. The title for **Feb. 25** is to be announced. Roberta Johnson leads the group which meets the **fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.**

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Reference Round-up

Reference librarians spend a great deal of time finding biographical material about famous and not-so-famous people. Lest you think that we're miracle workers, here are a few of our favorite sources:

Biography and Genealogy Master Index. This is an index of indexes which the Library has as a CD-ROM on our internal network. The librarian will search for a name and the book that contains the biographical information. Although we don't have all of the resources contained in this Master Index, we do have access to many of them in the North Suburban Library System.

Who's Who in America. Often patrons ask to see *Who's Who* when they are seeking biographical information. This publication seeks out famous people in the arts, government, science, industry, and business and sends a form to them each year. If they've returned the form with the biographical information, they can be found in this year's edition.

Who Was Who in America. This index of famous Americans comes out every three or four years. Remember the "was" since this index covers only those who are deceased. The cumulative index now covers 1607-1996 and the Library keeps each volume, since the series is designed to keep growing.

Current Biography. This is one of our most heavily used biographical resources. We receive a monthly issue and an annual volume with biographical essays on people in arts, science, sports, politics, and business.

Finally, the trickiest biographical questions are usually those that involve someone who is new to the public eye. When you've got one of these brain teasers, ask the Reference librarian for help–these are the questions we love!

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